

Effective 5/3/2023

53-22-104 School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem -- Report -- Expiration.

- (1) There is created a School Security Task Force composed of the following 18 members:
 - (a) the House chair of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee, who shall serve as chair, and who shall ensure that at least three members of the task force are parents of children in Utah schools;
 - (b) the House chair of the Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force;
 - (c) a member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate;
 - (d) the state superintendent of the State Board of Education or the state superintendent's designee;
 - (e) the school safety specialist to the State Board of Education;
 - (f) the public safety liaison described in Section 53-1-106;
 - (g) the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;
 - (h) the director of the Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Youth Services or the director's designee;
 - (i) a member of the Utah School Superintendents Association, selected by the president of the association;
 - (j) two members of the Chiefs of Police Association, one from a city of the first or second class and one from a city of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class, selected by the president of the association;
 - (k) two members of the Sheriffs Association, one from a county of the first, second, or third class and one from a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, selected by the president of the association;
 - (l) a representative from the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools selected by the president of the association;
 - (m) a representative from a school district, selected by the chair;
 - (n) an expert in school security, selected by the chair;
 - (o) a member of a local law enforcement agency recommended by the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety; and
 - (p) a member of the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, selected by the chair.
- (2) The task force shall:
 - (a) determine the specific qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the state security chief created in Section 53-22-102;
 - (b) create statewide standardized training requirements and hiring policies for school resource officers;
 - (c) review and revise, if necessary, the model critical incident response training program developed under Section 53G-8-802;
 - (d) develop training standards for active threats and emergency response in schools;
 - (e) recommend standards for the use of school security specialists;
 - (f) recommend safety and security protocols for the design, construction, and reconstruction of new and existing schools;
 - (g) develop legislation to accomplish Subsections (a) through (e) for introduction in the 2024 General Session; and
 - (h) prepare a report and present any legislation developed to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee by November 30, 2023.
- (3)
 - (a) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum.
 - (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the task force.

(4) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff for the task force.

(5)

(a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall be paid in accordance with:

(i) Section 36-2-2;

(ii) Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 2, Lodging, Meal, and Transportation Expenses; and

(iii) Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

(b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation for the member's work associated with the task force but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates established by the Division of Finance under:

(i) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and

(ii) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(6) This task force expires December 31, 2023.

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